

# FY 2005 RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET- GRAZING LANDS

## Socorro FIELD OFFICE

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_ Final Rating \_\_\_\_

### 1. Plants -- 50 -- Potential Points (36% of Total)

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
<b>Rangelands:</b>	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	50	
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	40	
Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	30	
Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	25	
Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	15	
(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	10	
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	0	
<b>Riparian:</b>	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	50
<b>Grazed Forest:</b>	NA	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	N/A
<b>1. Plants</b>		<b>Total</b>	100%	<b>Total</b>	100%	<b>Total:</b>

### 2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection -- 65 -- Potential Points (46% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.		Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
<b>Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill and/or Wind</b>				
Fencing (382)		3		
Brush Management (314)		7		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410) or other Erosion control practice		2		
Livestock water development or improvement: Well (642), Pipeline (516), Tank/Trough (614), Pumping Plant (533), or Pond (378)		5		
<b>Water Quantity: Excessive Runoff, Flooding, or Ponding</b>				
Brush Management (314)		7		
<b>Water Quality: Excessive suspended sediment and turbidity in surface water</b>				
Brush Management (314)		7		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410) or other Erosion control practice		2		
<b>Air Quality: Particulate matter &lt;10 micrometers in diameter (PM10)</b>				
Range Planting (550) or Critical Area Planting (342)		6		
Brush Management (314)		3		
<b>Plant Condition: Productivity, Health, and Vigor</b>				
Range Planting (550) and/or Fencing (382)		3		
Brush Management (314)		7		
<b>Domestic/ Wildlife Animals: Inadequate water</b>				
Livestock water development or improvement: Well (642), Pipeline (516), Tank/Trough (614), Pumping Plant (533), or Pond (378)		10		
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>		<b>Total:</b>		

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### 3. Other Considerations -- 25 -- Potential Points (18% of Total)

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to <u>recommend</u> based on LWG advice, please include them as item E.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced.	5	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 319 project.	5	0	
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	5	0	
E. Class A and/or B noxious weeds exist in the contracted area and will be controlled.	5	0	
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>	

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Section 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Section 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Total for Worksheet \_\_\_\_\_\*

**\*A minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ total points is required to be considered for contract selection.**

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Designated Conservationist

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Date

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